

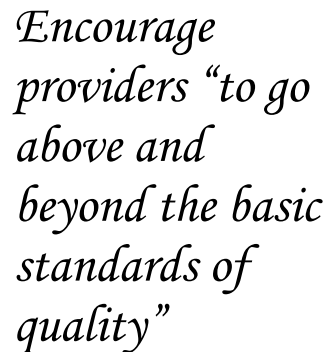
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Allow parents “to make informed choices about providers”

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Three Categories for Earning Points	
Category	Possible Points
Family Child Care Provider Qualifications	0 - 14
Learning Environment and Curriculum	0 - 10
Professional Practices	0 – 6
Total	0 - 30

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How to Earn Points in Family Child Care Programs

If a licensed or certified family child care provider is not in regulatory compliance, it receives only one star. If a licensed or certified family child care provider is in regulatory compliance, then its total number of points determines its number of stars. Points can be earned from the following three categories.

Family Child Care Provider Qualifications (Maximum of 14 points, non-cumulative)	Points
Child Development Associate (CDA) OR 6 credits related to early childhood education	1
Infant-Toddler Credential	3
Administrator Credential	4
Associate Degree (related to early childhood education)	5
Associate Degree (related to early childhood education) and CDA	7
Associate Degree (related to early childhood education) AND EITHER Administrator Credential OR Infant-Toddler Credential	9
Bachelor's Degree (unrelated to early childhood education)	11
Bachelor's Degree (unrelated to early childhood education) AND EITHER Administrator Credential OR Infant-Toddler Credential	12
Bachelor's Degree or higher (related to early childhood education)	13
Bachelor's Degree or higher (related to early childhood education) AND EITHER Administrator Credential OR Infant-Toddler Credential	14

Learning Environment and Curriculum (Maximum of 10 points, cumulative)	Points
Well equipped learning environment	2
The program has written weekly lesson plans that include 15 minutes of reading/early literacy daily	2
The program uses a curriculum aligned with Wisconsin Model Early Learning Standards	2
Documented annual use of quality improvement assessment process, using environment rating scales, accreditation self-study, or other approved methods, with a written improvement plan	2
The preceding quality improvement assessment process administered by an outside, trained and reliable entity	1
Accreditation (NAFCC, City of Madison, Head Start Performance Standards)	10

Professional Practices (Maximum of 6 points, cumulative)	Points
Professional Development	2
Staff Benefits	2
Parental Involvement	2
Examples within these three subgroups may include professional development plan, participation in child care support groups, Child Care Food Program participation, paid vacation, paid holidays, parental involvement, and parent newsletters	